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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR SPECIAL STATUS

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

In the Description

Page 3, lines 15-17, cancel the Amendment of May 7, 2003 and change "Fig. 8 ... Fig 8" to read as follows:

--Fig 8 illustrates a perspective view of a catch employed in the tilt mechanism of Fig. 2;

Fig. 9 illustrates a side view of the catch of Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 illustrates the lower tubular section of a modified tilt mechanism in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 11 illustrates an upper tubular section employed with the lower tubular section of Fig. 10; and

Fig. 12 illustrates a part cross-sectional view of a modified tilt mechanism in accordance with the invention.—